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Saskatchewan livestock producers continue to make good haying progress and now have 84 per cent of the hay crop cut. Sixty-seven per cent of the hay crop has been baled or put into silage, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's weekly Crop Report.

One year ago
Eighty-two per cent of the 2010 hay crop had been cut and 60 per cent was baled or put into silage. Harvest had just begun in the southeast region with winter cereals being harvested.

Haying progress varies across the province, ranging from 91 per cent cut (west-central) to 64 per cent cut (northwest). Eighty-six per cent of the hay crop is cut in the southeastern region, 88 per cent in the southwestern region, 89 per cent in the east-central region and 88 per cent in the northeastern region.

Seventy-six per cent of the hay crop has been baled or put into silage in the southwest, 72 per cent in east-central, 67 per cent in the northeast, 72 per cent in the southeast, 75 per cent in west-central and 34 per cent in the northwest.

Ninety per cent of the hay crop is rated as good to excellent in quality, eight per cent is rated as fair and two per cent is reported as poor quality.

Producers are starting to harvest in some regions of the province. Farmers are desiccating pulses and swathing mustard, canola and fall cereals in some regions. A few lentil fields have been combined in some areas. The majority of crop damage is due to hail, wind and insects. Extreme winds and hail during the past week damaged crops and buildings in some areas.

Across the province, topsoil moisture on cropland is rated as seven per cent surplus, 78 per cent adequate, 14 per cent short and one per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as five per cent surplus, 79 per cent adequate, 15 per cent short and one per cent very short.

While crops are generally still behind normal in development, the warm weather over the past couple of weeks has advanced crops and many producers are expected to harvest in the next couple of weeks.

Farmers are busy haying, scouting fields and getting ready for harvest.

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Southeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, and 3ASE)

Precipitation ranged from trace amounts to 30 mm , with extreme wind reported in some areas of the region. The Gainsborough area received 25 mm, the Lampman area 2 mm, the Broadview area 30 mm, the Maryfield area 8 mm, the Weyburn area 5 mm, the Odessa area 24 mm, the Marquis area 12 mm and the Radville area 8 mm. High winds in the Lampman, Odessa, Indian Head and Moose Jaw areas caused damage to bins and yards, and caused some crops to lodge.

With the sunny, warm weather, producers made progress with haying. Eighty-six per cent of the hay crop has been cut; 72 per cent has been baled or put into silage. Ninety five per cent of the hay crop is rated as good to excellent in quality and five per cent is rated as fair. Producers are furthest advanced in crop districts 2A and 3ASE, where 93 per cent of the hay crop has been cut.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are reported as 14 per cent surplus, 62 per cent adequate and 24 per cent short. On hay land and pasture, topsoil moisture is rated as eight per cent surplus, 63 per cent adequate and 29 per cent short. Crop districts 2A and 3ASE are reporting 55 and 49 per cent, respectively, short of topsoil moisture on crop land.

The majority of crop damage is due to wind and hail. Hail damage was reported in the Moose Jaw and Marquis areas.

Swathing of fall rye and canola has just nicely started. A few fields of lentils have been combined. Crop conditions vary throughout the region, depending on the spring's excess moisture and seeding date. Shallow-rooted crops in some parts of the region are showing signs of stress due to the small amount of rain that has been received over the past several weeks. Producers are busy hauling grain and getting harvesting equipment ready.

Southwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 3ASW, 3AN, 3B and 4)

Precipitation in the region ranged from nil to 19 mm. The Mossbank area reported 16 mm, the Eyebrow area 12 mm, the Cadillac and Maple Creek areas 5 mm, the Stewart Valley area 19 mm, the Tyner area 6 mm and the Leader area 7 mm. Most areas in crop districts 3ASW and 3BS reported no rain for the week.

Producers made progress with haying, and now have 88 per cent of the hay crop cut. Seventy-six per cent of the hay crop has been baled or put into silage. Ninety-seven per cent of the hay crop is rated as good to excellent in quality and three per cent is rated as poor. Producers in crop districts 4B and 3BN are furthest advanced in haying, and have 96 and 93 per cent, respectively, of the hay crop cut.

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as one per cent surplus, 72 per cent adequate and 27 per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions are 80 per cent adequate and 20 per cent short. Crop districts 3ASW and 3BS are reporting 62 and 37 per cent short in crop land topsoil moisture, respectively.

Producers have started swathing fall and spring cereals, canola and mustard. Pulse crops are coming into maturity and some producers have started to desiccate these crops.

The majority of crop damage is due to hail, wind, insects and disease. Hail damage ranging from minimal to total was reported in many areas of the region. High winds damaged buildings and blew hay swaths around. Crops that were seeded under excess moisture conditions are showing signs of stress due to their shallow roots and lack of significant rain in the past couple of weeks. Some producers are finding pea aphid numbers high enough to warrant control in pea and lentil crops. Crop conditions vary across the region. Rust and tan spot in cereal crops are also causing damage. Cereal crop maturity ranges from early dough to just starting to head out. Oilseed crop maturity ranges from podding to early flower.

The recent warm and sunny weather has crops progressing well. Areas still need rain, however, and crops are showing some stress. Producers are busy haying, getting ready for harvest and controlling weeds in chemfallow and summerfallow.

East-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 and 6a)

Most areas received rain in amounts ranging from nil to 36 mm. The Dysart area received 36 mm, the Jedburgh area 26 mm, the Kelliher area 27 mm, the Rama area 20 mm, the Kuroki area 17 mm, the Bethune area 23 mm, the Kenaston area 12 mm and the Leroy area 7 mm.

Producers made progress with haying, and now have 89 per cent of the hay crop cut. Seventy-two per cent of the hay crop has been baled or put into silage. Ninety-one per cent of the hay crop is rated as good to excellent in quality and nine per cent is rated as fair. Haying is furthest advanced in crop districts 5A and 6A, where 92 per cent of the crop has been cut.

Topsoil moisture on cropland is reported as seven per cent surplus, 84 per cent adequate and nine per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as six per cent surplus, 82 per cent adequate and 12 per cent short.

The majority of crop damage is due to hail, wind and disease. Hail damage was reported in many areas, including Stockholm, Ituna, Dysart, Rama, Sturgis, Bethune, Imperial and Leroy.

Some areas welcomed the rain to help fill the crops, and many reporters are indicating that crops and haying are progressing well. A few pulse crops have been desiccated and many should be ready to desiccate in the next week or two. Harvest for most producers is still three to four weeks away. Farmers are busy haying, scouting fields and getting ready for harvest.

West-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6B and 7)

Spotty thunderstorms resulted in precipitation ranging from nil to 41 mm. The Outlook area recorded 7 mm, the Arelee are 41 mm, the Kindersley area 20 mm, the Netherhill area 12 mm, the Tramping Lake area 6 mm, the Luseland area 28 mm and the Major area 35 mm.

Good progress was made in haying, and 91 per cent of the hay crop has been cut. Seventy-five per cent of the hay crop has been baled or put into silage. The majority of the hay crop is being rated as good to excellent in quality. Haying is furthest advanced in crop districts 6B and 7A, where 94 per cent of the crop has been cut.

Topsoil moisture on cropland is reported as six per cent surplus, 81 per cent adequate, 10 per cent short and three per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as six per cent surplus, 77 per cent adequate, 13 per cent short and four per cent very short.

The majority of crop damage is due to wind, hail and insects. Hail damage was reported in the Outlook, Luseland and Major areas. Producers in some areas are controlling aphids in peas and lentils. The majority of the crops are starting to turn. Swathing of winter and spring cereals, canola and mustard has just started. Pulse crops are being desiccated.

Hot, dry weather accelerated crop maturity in some areas; in other areas, the heat has caused stress on flowering crops. Farmers are busy haying, scouting fields and getting ready for harvest.

Northeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 and 9AE)

Most areas reported rain in amounts ranging from trace to 31 mm. The Porcupine Plain area received 12 mm, the Codette area 30 mm, the Nipawin area 18 mm, the Bruno area 11 mm, the Melfort area 17 mm, the Birch Hills area 31 mm, the Prince Albert area 6 mm and the Garrick area 15 mm.

Despite the rain, good haying progress has been made, and 88 per cent of the hay crop has been cut. Sixty-seven per cent of the hay crop has been baled or put into silage. Ninety-four per cent of the hay crop is rated as good to excellent in quality and six per

cent is rated as fair. The quality of some of the hay has been reduced by exposure to rain. Haying is furthest advanced in Crop District 8B, where 91 per cent of the crop has been cut.

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 10 per cent surplus and 90 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as six per cent surplus, 92 per cent adequate and two per cent short.

The majority of crop damage is due to hail and wind. Hail damage was reported in the Porcupine Plain, Tisdale and Nipawin areas. Loonie-sized hail in the Porcupine Plain area caused about 25 per cent damage to some of the crops. Recent warm weather and moisture have helped advance and fill crops in some areas. Winter cereals and some spring cereals are starting to turn, and the oilseeds have finished flowering for the most part. Farmers are busy haying, scouting crops and getting ready for harvest.

Northwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9AW and 9B)

Precipitation in the region ranged in amount from nil to 64 mm. The majority of the rain fell in Crop District 9B, and most areas received over 15 mm. The Duck Lake area received 12 mm, the Neilburg area 17 mm, the Turtleford area 26 mm, the Frenchman Butte area 64 mm, the Meadow Lake area 42 mm, the Rapid View area 16 mm and the Pierceland area 21 mm.

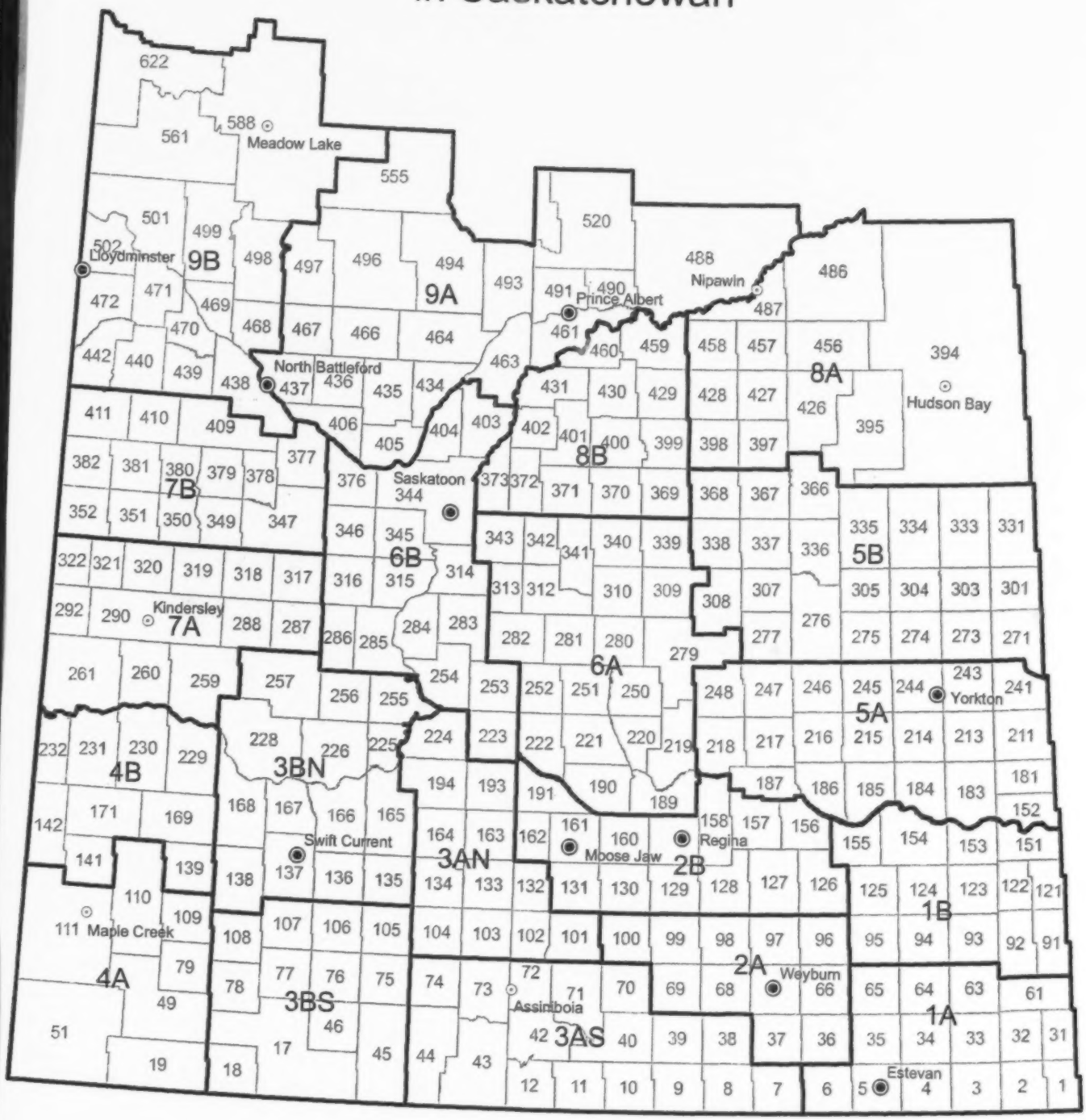
Rain and thunderstorms over the past couple of weeks have slowed haying and diminished hay quality in some areas. Meadow Lake has recorded 433 mm of rain since April 1. This is the highest cumulative amount of precipitation reported in the Crop Report for 2011. (The Mankota area in the southwest is in a distant second place, with 424 mm of rain since April 1). Progress was made in haying despite the rain, and producers in the region now have 64 per cent of the hay crop cut. Thirty-four per cent of the hay crop has been baled or put into silage. Fifty-seven per cent of the hay has been rated as good to excellent, 36 per cent is rated fair and seven per cent is rated poor in quality. Crop District 9AW has 82 per cent of the hay crop cut, while Crop District 9B has 53 per cent of the hay crop cut.

Topsoil moisture conditions for cropland are six per cent surplus, 92 per cent adequate and two per cent short. Pasture and hay land conditions are three per cent surplus, 95 per cent adequate and two per cent short.

The majority of crop damage is due to hail, wind, flooding and insects. Hail was reported in the Duck Lake, Neilburg, Turtleford and Pierceland areas. Grasshoppers were responsible for the majority of insect-related crop damage. High winds caused some crops to lodge.

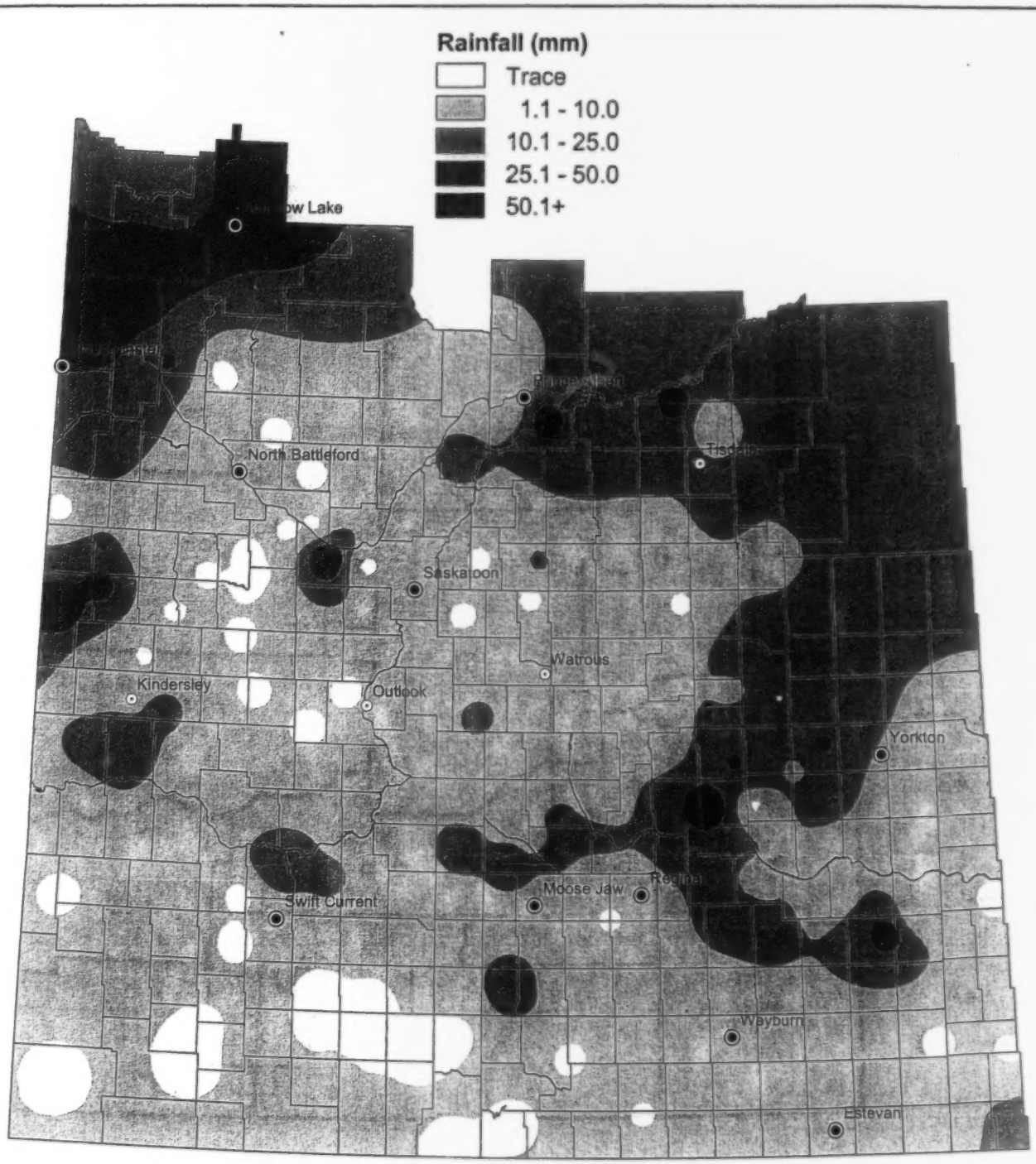
Although crops are behind normal in development, the warm weather has significantly helped advance maturity. Producers are busy haying and monitoring fields for insects and diseases.

Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan



Weekly Rainfall

for the week ending August 1, 2011



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Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters) 1 inch = 25 mm for the period July 26 to August 1, 2011

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
1A	1	Argyle	25	240
	2	Mount Pleasant	5	294
	3	Enniskillen	7	305
	33	Moose Creek	N/A	286
	34	Browning	2	361
	61	Antler	NIL	305
	63	Moose Mountain	NIL	288
	64	Brock	2	272
	65	Tecumseh	N/A	389
1B	91	Maryfield	6	341
	92	Welpole	N/A	262
	95	Golden West	N/A	314
	122	Martin	N/A	420
	123	Silverwood	3	325
	124 A	Kingsley	30	312
	124 B	Kingsley	N/A	N/A
	125	Chester	N/A	287
	151 A	Rocanville	1	419
	151 B	Rocanville	NIL	345
	153	Willowdale	N/A	347
	154	Elcapo	N/A	254
	155	Wolseley	4	313
2A	66	Griffin	N/A	316
	67	Weyburn	4	407
	68	Brokenshell	1	406
	69	Norton	N/A	307
	97	Wellington	5	368
2B	127 A	Francis	23.5	331
	127 B	Francis	N/A	249
	129	Bratt's Lake	4.5	255
	156	Indian Head	7	331
	160 A	Pense	5	171
	160 B	Pense	N/A	181
	161	Moose Jaw	NIL	166
	191	Marquis	12	189
3ASE	7	Souris Valley	N/A	N/A
	38 A	Laurier	3	377
	38 B	Laurier	8	408
	39 A	The Gap	NIL	309
	39 B	The Gap	8	365
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	NIL	457
	11	Hart Butte	N/A	83
	12	Poplar Valley	NIL	310
	40	Bengough	N/A	440
	42	Willow Bunch	N/A	358
	43	Old Post	NIL	316
	44 A	Waverley	N/A	255
	44 B	Waverley	N/A	227
	70	Key West	NIL	348
	71	Excel	N/A	374
	73 A	Stonehenge	NIL	329
	73 B	Stonehenge	NIL	364
	74	Wood River	NIL	333
3AN	17	Val Marie	5	419
	18	Lone Tree	N/A	259
	45	Mankota	4	424
	75 A	Pinto Creek	NIL	296
	75 B	Pinto Creek	NIL	323
	76 A	Auvergne	NIL	248
	76 B	Auvergne	NIL	236
	77	Wise Creek	3	270
	78 A	Grassy Creek	NIL	305
	78 B	Grassy Creek	NIL	305
	78 C	Grassy Creek	N/A	236
	101	Terrell	8	265
	102	Lake Johnston	16.3	277
	103	Sutton	N/A	315
	105	Glenbain	NIL	310
	106	Whiska Creek	NIL	264
	107	Lac Pelletier	N/A	173
	108	Bone Creek	N/A	295
	134	Shamrock	N/A	259
	164	Chaplin	N/A	268
	193 A	Eyebrow	12	203
	193 B	Eyebrow	N/A	164
	194	Enfield	N/A	202
3BN	138	Webb	NIL	193
	166	Excelsior	11	236
	167	Sask. Landing	18.8	279
	168	Riverside	NIL	190
	226	Victory	N/A	198
	228	Lacadena	6	166
	255	Coteau	N/A	N/A
	257	Monet	3	159

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
4A	109	Carmichael	N/A	274
	110	Piapot	6	138
	111	Maple Creek	N/A	143
	48 A	White Valley	N/A	197
	48 B	White Valley	N/A	196
	51	Reno	0.25	312
	79	Arlington	NIL	225
4B	139	Gull Lake	3	179
	141	Big Stick	5	158
	142	Enterprise	NIL	174
	169	Pittville	N/A	153
	171	Fox Valley	N/A	146
	229	Miry Creek	N/A	N/A
	231	Happyland	7	176
5A	183	Fertile Belt	6	356
	186	Abernethy	N/A	234
	211	Churchbridge	N/A	298
	213	Saltcoats	1	275
	216	Tullymet	NIL	215
	217	Lipton	38	197
	241	Calder	N/A	208
	243	Wallace	N/A	235
	245 A	Garry	20	205
	245 B	Garry	N/A	306
	245 C	Garry	9	295
	246	Ituna Bon Accord	15	213
	247	Kellross	27	216
	248	Touchwood	4	140
5B	271	Cote	7	183
	276	Foam Lake	N/A	42
	277	Emerald	9	230
	305	Invermay	20	267
	307	Elfros	12	296
	308	Big Quill	7	175
	333 A	Clayton	N/A	NIL
	333 B	Clayton	14	228
	334	Preeceville	12	202
	335	Hazel Dell	N/A	212
	336	Sasman	17	243
	337	Lakeview	N/A	251
	338	Lakeside	NIL	197
	366	Kelvington	7	226
6A	189	Lumsden	N/A	219
	190 A	Dufferin	22	206
	190 B	Dufferin	23	228
	190 C	Dufferin	2	165
	190 D	Dufferin	7.5	197
	219	Longlaketon	N/A	152
	220	Mckillop	4	190
	221	Sarnia	N/A	217
	222	Craik	4	215
	251	Big Arm	2	197
	252	Arm River	2	178
	279	Mount Hope	N/A	200
	280	Wreford	N/A	189
	282	Mccraney	12	234
	309	Prairie Rose	3	189
	313	Lost River	6	135
	339	Leroy	7.4	184
	340	Wolverine	2	174
	341	Viscount	NIL	205
	343	Blucher	NIL	161
6B	283	Rosedale	1	118
	284	Rudy	7	215
	285	Fertile Valley	NIL	227
	286	Milden	NIL	324
	314	Dundurn	N/A	164
	344	Corman Park	NIL	213
	346	Perdue	N/A	262
	376 A	Eagle Creek	41	220
	376 B	Eagle Creek	N/A	210
	403	Rosthern	N/A	200
7A	280 A	Newcombe	N/A	102
	280 B	Newcombe	19.5	186
	281	Chesterfield	N/A	58
	287	St. Andrews	NIL	178
	288	Pleasant Valley	N/A	142
	290 A	Kindersley	12	161
	290 B	Kindersley	N/A	66
	292	Milton	N/A	104
	317 A	Marriott	N/A	301
	317 B	Marriott	N/A	267
	318 A	Mountain View	N/A	N/A
	318 B	Mountain View	NIL	289
	320 A	Oakdale	NIL	230
	320 B	Oakdale	3	171
	321	Prairiedale	4	208

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
7B	347 A	Biggar	NIL	218
	347 B	Biggar	N/A	209
	350 A	Mariposa	6	199
	350 B	Mariposa	NIL	231
	351	Progress	28	209
	352	Heart's Hill	38	279
	377	Glenside	NIL	252
	378 A	Rosemount	NIL	237
	378 B	Rosemount	NIL	234
	379	Reford	NIL	212
	380	Tramping Lake	2	150
	381	Grass Lake	N/A	221
	409 A	Buffalo	N/A	217
	409 B	Buffalo	N/A	215
	410	Round Valley	N/A	257
	411	Senlac	NIL	241
8A	395	Porcupine	12	266
	397	Barrier Valley	11.9	242
	428	Star City	N/A	132
	456	Arborfield	12	213
	457	Connaught	2	241
	458	Willow Creek	30	261
	486	Moose Range	18	201
	487	Nipawin	13	189
8B	369	St. Peter	2	88
	370	Humboldt	1	144
	371 A	Bayne	11	181
	371 B	Bayne	N/A	N/A
	372	Grant	0.3	256
	402	Fish Creek	1	253
	429	Flett's Springs	17	207
	430	Invergordon	N/A	N/A
	431	St. Louis	N/A	N/A
	459	Kinistino	14	224
	460	Birch Hills	31	294
8AE	461	Prince Albert	8.8	220
	488 A	Torch River	15	310
	488 B	Torch River	N/A	NIL
	491	Buckland	0.96	184
9AW	406	Mayfield	NIL	162
	435	Redberry	N/A	217
	436	Douglas	NIL	195
	463	Duck Lake	12	212
	464	Leask	N/A	244
	467 A	Round Hill	NIL	145
	467 B	Round Hill	N/A	196
	494	Canwood	N/A	195
	496	Spiritwood	N/A	53
	497	Medstead	N/A	180
9B	438	Battle River	2	221
	440	Hillsdale	N/A	180
	442	Manitou Lake	17.1	228
	468 A	Meota	N/A	32
	468 B	Meota	N/A	285
	468 C	Meota	2.5	243
	498 A	Parkdale	NIL	333
	498 B	Parkdale	NIL	210
	499	Mervin	28	315
	501 A	Frenchman Butte	28	262
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	23	196
	501 C	Frenchman Butte	64	341
	561	Loon Lake	39	278
	588 A	Meadow Lake	42	263
	588 B	Meadow Lake	16	340
	588 C	Meadow Lake	29	433
	588 D	Meadow Lake	N/A	405
	622	Beaver River	21	245

Municipality No: A, B, C, and D - more than one reporter

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Cumulative Rainfall

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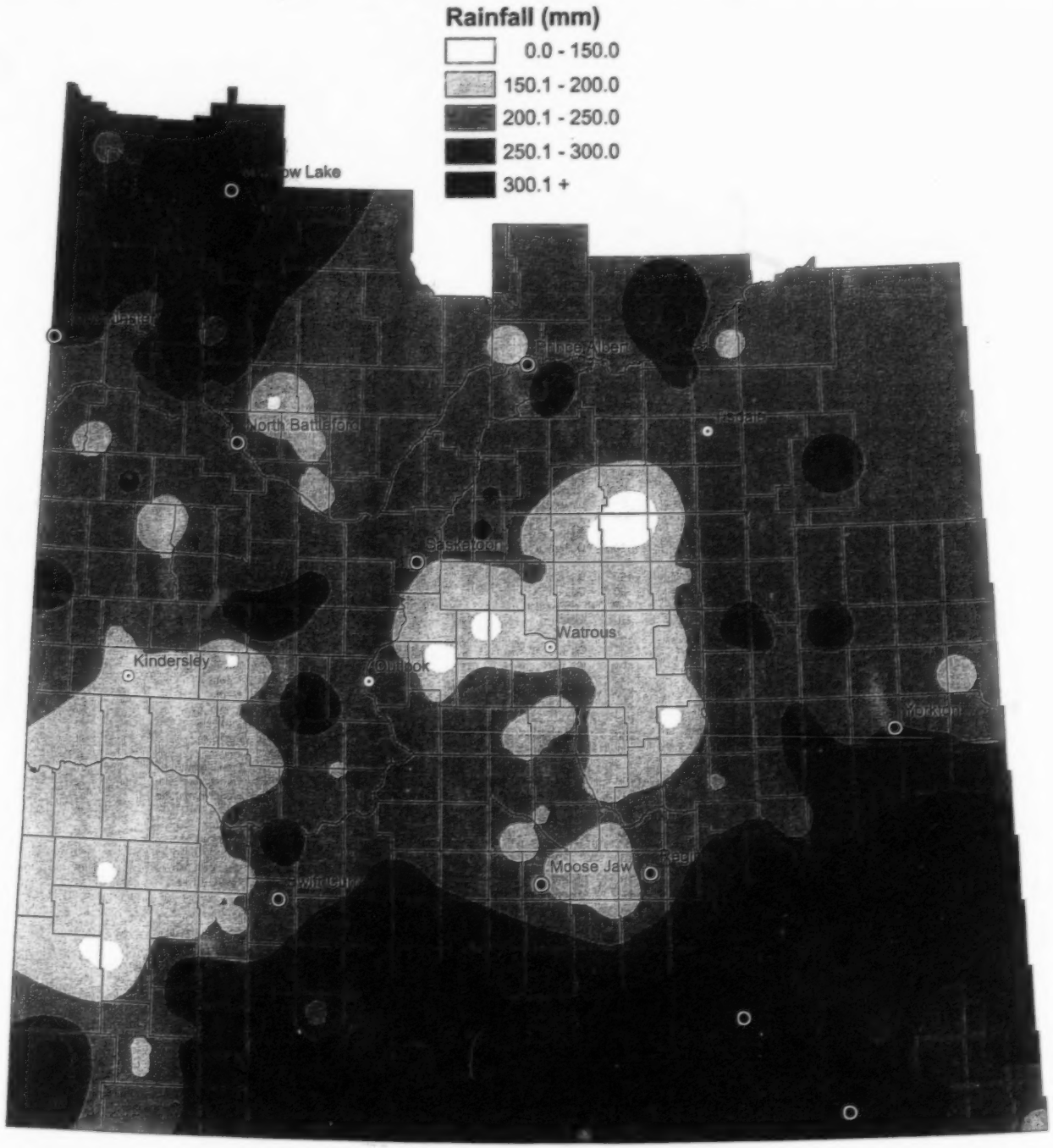
To: August 1, 2011



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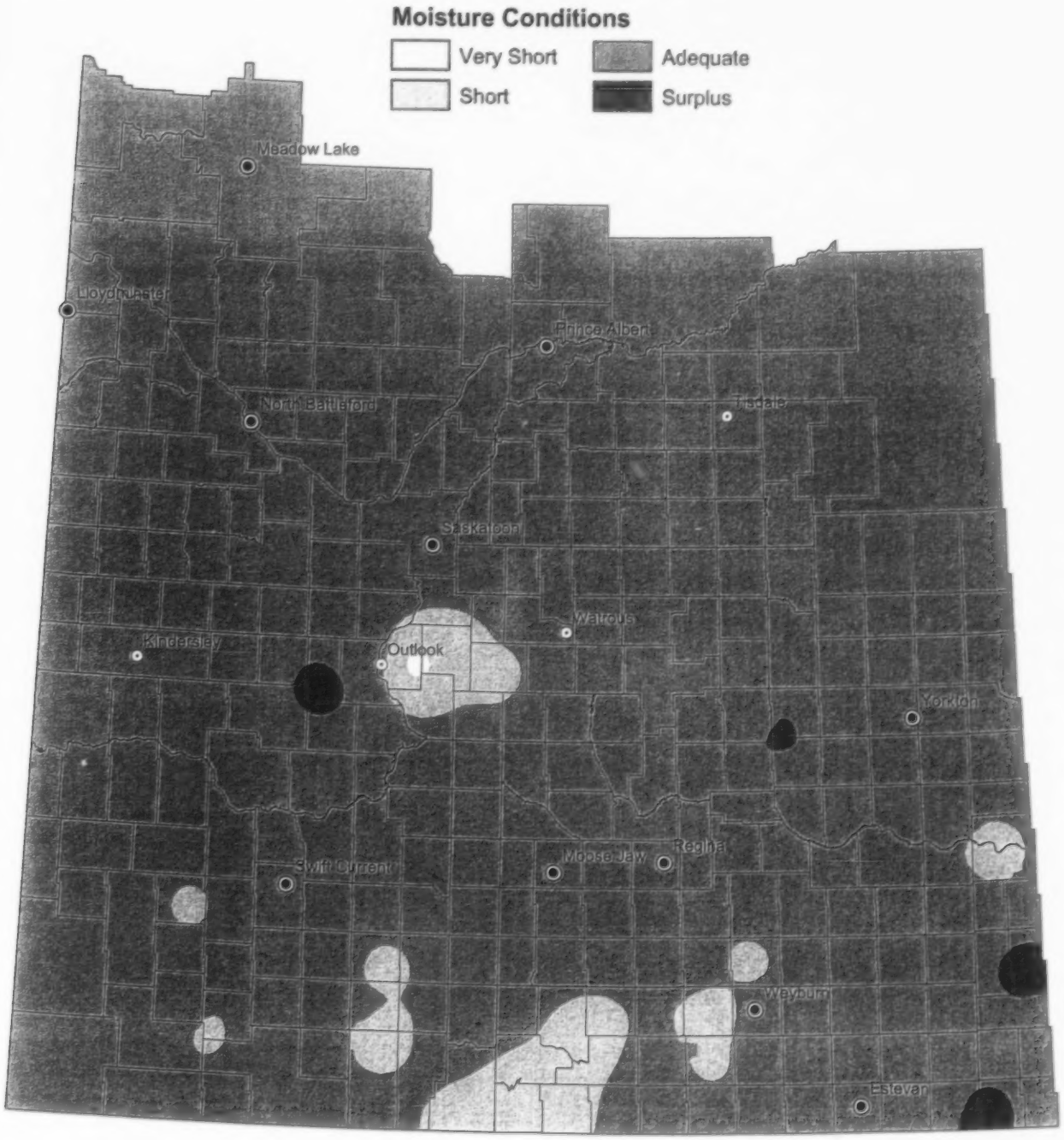
Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

August 2, 2011



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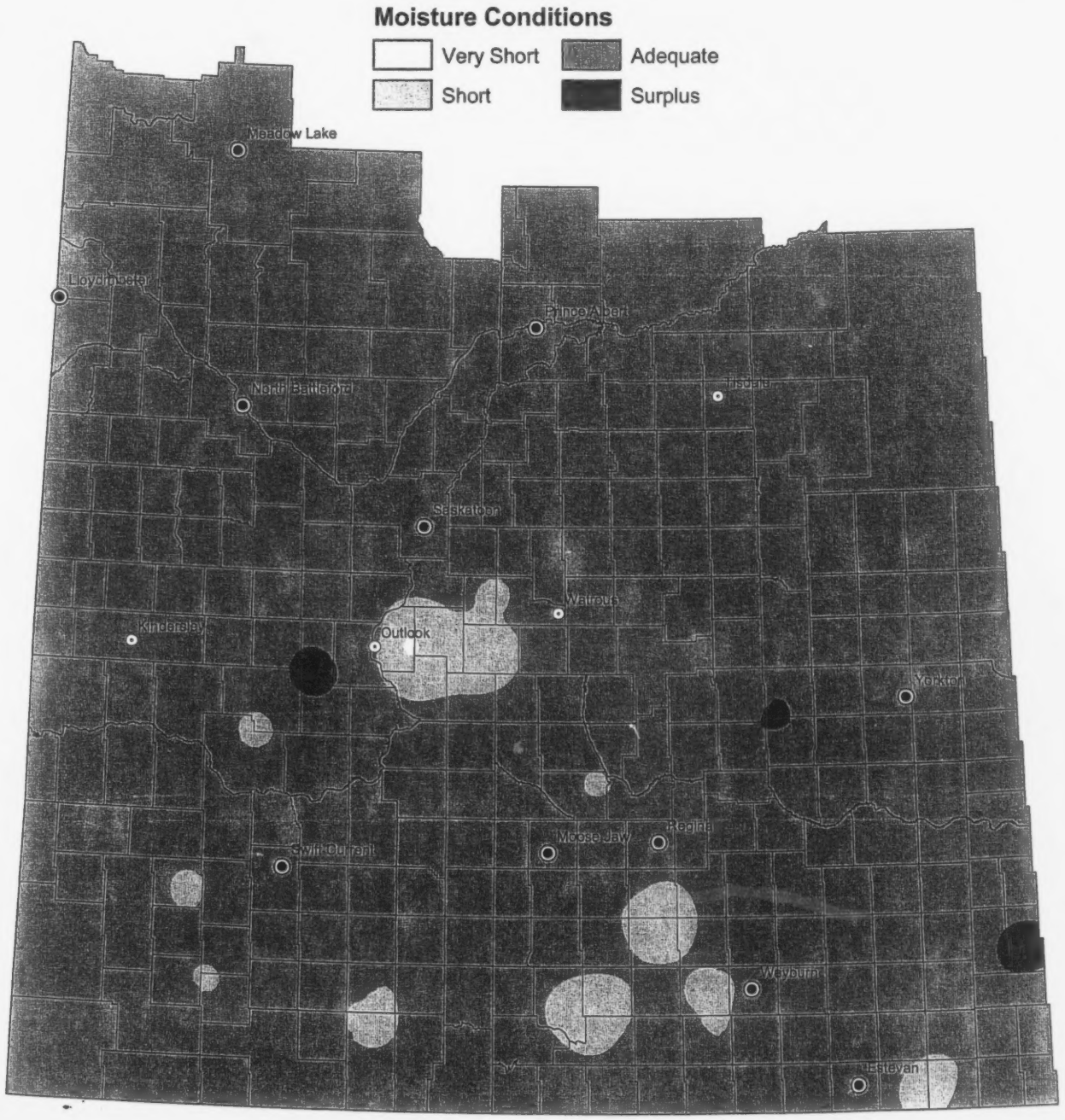
Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

August 2, 2011



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